(c) and (d) The share of textiles and clothing in the total exports of the country was 13.58% in 2007-08 as against 15.16% in 2006-07 although exports of textiles and clothing alone in 2007-08 at US dollar 22.13 billion had registered an increase of 15.59% over the exports turn over of US dollar 19.14 billion in 2006-07. A number of measures were introduced by the government to enhance the textiles exports. These measures included enhanced Duty Entitlement Pass Book and Duty Drawback rates, reduced ECGC premium, subvention on credit rates, refund of service tax paid by exporters on various services etc.

**Effect of global recession on textile industry**

†1084. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ill effect of global recession has been casted on the textile industry of the country;

(b) if so, the assessment of effects of this recession to be casted on the volume of production in the textile industry;

(c) whether Government has prepared any action plan to the textile industry from the said ill effects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) As per the latest data (provisional) available from the Office of Textile Commissioner, cloth production in the mill and hosiery sectors, have witnessed growth of 3.7 percent and 3.1 percent respectively, during April-October 2008 over the corresponding period of the previous year. Yarn and cloth production in other sub-sectors a moderate decline.

Textiles exports, in US dollar terms, have recorded a growth of 9.28 percent and 15-59 percent during 2006-07 and 2007-08 respectively. During April-July, 2008-09, textiles exports increased by 14.89 percent, over the corresponding period of the previous year. Month-wise textiles exports are given in the table below:

(in US$ million)

| 2008 | January | February | March | April | May | June | July |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Textiles Exports | 2204.67 | 2119.89 | 2295.08 | 1980.31 | 1833.17 | 1821.20 | 1766.41 |
| RMG only | 875.49 | 894.62 | 897.08 | 820.36 | 795.81 | 823.62 | 792.73 |

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

A declining trend is witnessed in the exports of textiles. This can primarily attributed to decline in imports of textiles and clothing by US and EU countries, which are major markets for India's textile export.

(c) and (d) To mitigate the ill effects of the global economic slow down the Government have introduced a number of measures, which include enhanced Duty Entitlement Pass Book and Duty Drawback rates, reduced ECGC premium, subvention on credit rates, refund of service tax paid by exporters on various services etc.

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## DISCUSSION ON THE STATEMENT MADE BY MINISTER

### Recent Terrorist Attacks in Mumbai

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): Mr. Chairman Sir, I wish to make a statement on the terrorist attacks that took place in Mumbai between November 26, 2008 and November 29, 2008. ...*(Interruptions)*... With deep regret, I have to report to this House that 164 persons, civilians and security personnel, lost their lives and 308 persons were injured. Among the civilians killed were 26 foreigners belonging to many nationalities. Besides, nine terrorists were killed in the operations by the security forces. One terrorist was overpowered and captured.

At the outset, I wish to pay homage to the innocent civilians who were killed and the brave security personnel who laid down their lives in order to save the lives of many others. I offer my heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. The Government of India and the Government of Maharashtra have announced a set of measures as compensation for the terrible loss suffered by the families.

DR. V. MAITREYAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, copy of the Statement is not available.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It will be made available. Copies are being made.

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA (Jharkhand): Sir, the normal practice of the House is, when a *suo motu* statement is made by the... *(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is being made. Please, do not... *(Interruptions)*...

**श्री सभापति**: ठीक है।....(व्यवधान)....

**श्री एस.एस. अहलुवालिया**: सर, स्टेटमेंट की कापी नहीं मिली है। ....**(व्यवधान)**....

SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL: Monetary compensation and free treatment have been offered to the injured. While lots of sympathy and money can never adequately recompense the loss, I sincerely hope that our gesture will bring some comfort to the affected families. *(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please, listen.

**श्री रुद्रनारायण पाणि** (उड़ीसा): सर, स्टेटमेंट की कापी के आधार पर हम मुम्बई की घटना में सरकार की खामियां ढूढ़ेंगे। ....**(व्यवधान)**....